



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 842***

LCO No. 3028



Referred to Committee on COMMITTEE ON CHILDREN

Introduced by:  
(KID)

***AN ACT CONCERNING FOSTER CHILDREN AND THE DESIGNATION  
OF SURROGATE PARENTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 10-94g of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2015*):

4 (a)(1) When in the opinion of the Commissioner of Education or a  
5 designee of said commissioner, (A) a child may require special  
6 education, or a child who required special education no longer  
7 requires such education but requires or may require services under  
8 Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as amended from time to  
9 time, and (B) the parent or guardian of such child cannot be identified,  
10 the whereabouts of the parent cannot be discovered after reasonable  
11 efforts to locate the parent have been made, such child is a ward of the  
12 state or such child is an unaccompanied and homeless youth, both as  
13 defined in 42 USC 11434a, as amended from time to time, [the] said  
14 commissioner or a designee of said commissioner shall appoint a  
15 surrogate parent who shall represent such child in the educational

16 decision-making process.

17 (2) A surrogate parent [may also] shall be appointed for a child who  
 18 is under the supervision of the Department of Children and Families  
 19 and receiving education services from Unified School District #2 or  
 20 any other facility run or contracted for by the Department of Children  
 21 and Families or the Court Support Services Division of the Judicial  
 22 Branch, or a foster child, as defined in section 17a-110, provided the  
 23 parent or guardian of such child or foster child: (A) Is notified by  
 24 certified mail that the child is or may be eligible to receive special  
 25 education and related services; (B) agrees or fails to object to the  
 26 appointment of a surrogate parent; (C) receives identical notices as the  
 27 surrogate parent; and (D) may revoke the appointment of a surrogate  
 28 parent at any time.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	October 1, 2015	10-94g(a)
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To require the Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee, to appoint a surrogate parent for certain children and foster children.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*